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1. On 25 October 1953, [REDACTED] four vessels on a northerly course near Oshoya Ludkiy Point. Two of them resembled [REDACTED] in the Marine Calendar. [REDACTED] The other two vessels were similar to the VASILIIY GROMOV. [REDACTED]

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2. At approximately 1300 hours GMT on 26 October 1953, a large naval vessel passed Sawmill No. 26. The vessel went out the Dvina River. [REDACTED] it was about 500 feet long. The bow was very wide and there were many scuttles in the forward part of the vessel. The vessel was not as narrow as a destroyer. It had a high bridge and one stack. The stern was square and [REDACTED] two warp anchors. The armament consisted of three large guns on the foredeck and five guns on the afterdeck.

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3. On 29 October, a minesweeper went out the river past Sawmill No. 26. On the same day two torpedo boats went out the river from Sawmill No. 16-17. On 30 October, a torpedo boat came down the river at Sawmill No. 16-17. On 5 November, [REDACTED] a naval vessel [REDACTED] on its way up the river. [REDACTED] it flew a naval flag.

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4. During the period 26 October to 3 November, [REDACTED] the cutters [REDACTED] several times going in and out the river. These vessels were equipped with two guns covered with tarpaulins. [REDACTED] the guns resembled Oerlikon guns.

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5. The pier at Sawmill No. 26 could accommodate two vessels of about 3,500 DWT each. The pier was not very far above the surface of the water.

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loaded at [REDACTED] A Soviet Liberty ship which the pier loaded to about 25 feet. There was no shed on the pier.

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6. [redacted] trucks which were used at Sawmill No. 26: [redacted] were ordinary trucks, [redacted] Some of the vehicles were driven by soldiers and others had civilian drivers. Those driven by soldiers carried guards to and from the pier. The other trucks were used to haul bricks. 25X1

7. The pier at Sawmill No. 16-17 was very long and it was in better condition than the pier at Sawmill No. 26. [redacted] there was a pier which was used as a waiting place for lumber vessels. On shore near this pier there were many props. Above this waiting pier there was another lumber pier, which [redacted] belonged to another sawmill. 25X1

8. [redacted] the Liberty ship which loaded at Sawmill No. 26 was going to Odessa. [redacted] another Soviet Liberty ship farther up the river 25X1

9. [redacted] a new icebreaker was expected in Arkhangelsk by 5 November [redacted] on 5 November, there was a dredge operating in the area. 25X1

10. [redacted] one jet aircraft over Arkhangelsk. It had swept-back, arrow-shaped wings. 25X1

11. [redacted] in the USSR under Malenkov [redacted] it was much easier to buy clothes, and [redacted] it was quite easy for women to buy silk stockings. 25X1

12. [redacted] there was pack ice to a point beyond the position which marks Dvina Lightship. The buoy which had been in this position previously had been removed. 25X1

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